

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new) An apparatus for rotating a container about a vertical axis comprising:

- a housing;

- two generally parallel shafts extending substantially vertically from said housing, said shafts being fixed to said housing;

- at least one rotatable container contacting element mounted on each of said shafts;

- a drive means mounted within said housing, the drive means rotating a drive wheel about a vertical axis; the drive means pivoting about a pivot point within said housing and having tensioning means for pivoting the drive wheel into forcible engagement with said container;

- wherein containers of various sized can be rotated about a fixed vertical axis between said pivoting drive wheel and said contacting elements.

Claim 10 (new) An apparatus for rotating a container about a vertical axis in accordance with claim 9, wherein a portion of said drive wheel has a friction surface thereon for engaging said container.

Claim 11 (new) An apparatus for rotating a container about a vertical axis in accordance with claim 9, wherein each said shaft has two rotatable container contacting elements mounted thereon.

Claim 12 (new) An apparatus for rotating a container about a vertical axis in accordance with claim 9, wherein the tensioning means comprises a spring.